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WHAT STARTLING
SHOCK AWAITS
THE DYNAMIC DUO...
AND
YOU!!

NO, **BATMAN!**
IT'S **NOT**
TRUE...!

IT **CAN'T** BE...

YOU **BETTER**
BELIEVE IT,
ROBIN!

THAT'S THE WAY
IT **HAS** TO BE!

"Let me show YOU too, HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF ASTRONAUT -TOUGH"

**Inside and out...in double quick time
—OR IT WON'T COST YOU A CENT!"**

says Ben Rebhuhn

whom experts called today's

TOP BODY BUILDING AUTHORITY

Thousands of boys and men the world over have found that my tested and proved methods can quickly, easily shape up their bodies into the lean, sleek, hard-as-rock condition demanded of America's spacemen. They're ready and able to do things in a big way—with the same kind of long-lasting stamina, the same tiger-quick response that astronauts need to stand up under the grueling demands of our space program.

Let me prove to YOU how in double quick time I can do the same for YOU. I'll put inches of dynamic muscles on your arms! Add inches to your chest! Broaden your shoulders! And power-pack the rest of your body—so quickly it will amaze you! My methods can give you the untiring endurance required of our astronauts. I have done it for thousands like you. Give me a fighting chance to do it for you.

Give me Minutes a Day

Learn My Time-Tested Secrets of Strength

Yes, in thrilling minutes a day, in your own room, my rapid-fire easy-as-ABC methods start building you into a super-man the very first night. I'll show you how to build 18-inch arms of might, a heroic chest housing tireless lungs, wide manly shoulders, broad brawny back tapering to slender waist with punch-proof stomach muscles, legs of endless endurance.

I stand ready to show you a money back basis—that no matter how flabby or puny you are, I can do the same for you right in your own home, as I have for thousands of others like you. Through my proven secrets I bring to life new power in you inside and out, until YOU are fully satisfied you are the man you want to be. MY TIME TESTED METHODS RE-BUILD YOU.

WHICH OF MY 181,000 PUPILS YOU LIKE TO BE?

**I GAINED 60 LBS.
OF SHAPELY MIGHTY
MUSCLES**



BEFORE
Mailing
Coupon
I was a
125 lb.
6 ft.
skinny
weakling



**"I LOST 30 LBS.
of dangerous
UGLY FAT
4 inches off my WAIST!"**

says
Felipe Mendoza



Which of these 2
ME'S is YOU?

"That 220 lb. FAT-BOY was ME a few weeks ago." Look at him NOW! Gave him MY MIGHTY MUSCLES, added 7 inches to his CHEST, 3 inches on each arm! No! I don't care how fat and flabby you are. All I want is minutes a day in your home to make you over by the book method.

**This AMAZING NEW BOOK in colors YOURS FREE
if you mail COUPON NOW**

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5. How to Mold BIG MUSCULAR FOREARMS, A STEEL GRIP.

How to Become a FEARLESS SELF-DEFENSE FIGHTER. OVERPOWERING ANY BULLY TWICE YOUR SIZE!

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Let me know how to get FREE \$100 worth of Sports Self-defense Strong-man Stunts Courses Apparatus

Name..... Age.....
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BATMAN

WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

"MARITAL BLISS MISS!"

MORNING, IN WAYNE MANSION...

GOLLY, I'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL IF I DON'T...

TRRIING
TRRIING

ALFRED, HAVE YOU SEEN MY ECONOMICS TEXT AROUND?

I SAY, THINK I SAW IT ON THE... OH, PARDON ME, MASTER DICK! THE FRONT DOOR...



YES, MISS...?

HOWDY! DON'T TELL ME! LET ME... YOU **MUST** BE ALFRED!

AND YOU... YOU'RE YOUNG DICK GRAYSON, YES?

YULP! I-I'M NOT THAT YOUNG, MISS... MISS...

OH RE-ALLY... DON'T TELL ME BRUCIE DIDN'T ALERT YOU--



B-BRUCIE...?!

ALERT US TO WHAT?

NOW RE-ALLY... YOU PUTTING ME ON?

WHO'S PUTTING WHAT ON? AND ON WHOM? IF YOU FLIP THIS PAGE LIKE ALFRED FLIPPED OPEN THE DOOR... YOU'LL FLIP!

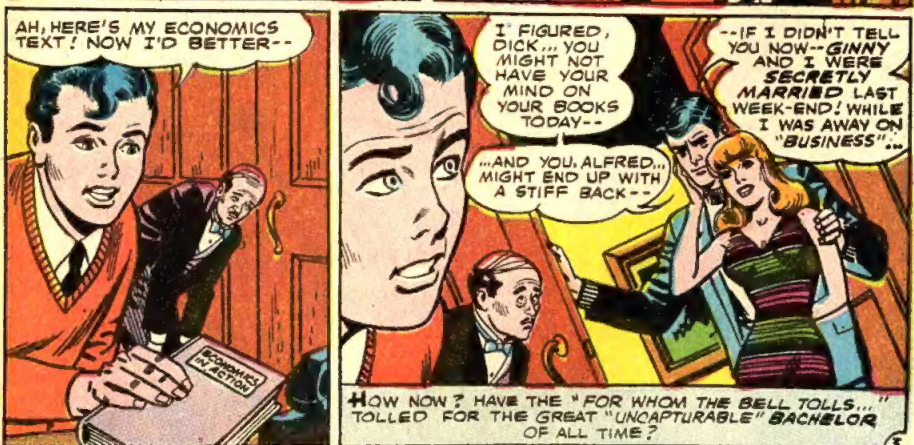


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I'M... MRS.
BRUCE
WAYNE!





BUT NO SOONER DOES THE DOOR CLOSE ON THE TEMPORARILY MOLLIFIED DICK AND ALFRED...

ALL RIGHT, MISS GINNY... WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, WHAT'S THE GAME... GAG... OR RACKET?

I HAD TO DO IT, MR. WAYNE... OR HE WOULD HAVE KILLED YOU!

WHO-- HE?

MY... BROTHER! IF I HADN'T TOLD HIM WE ELOPED...

SO...? YOU SAVED MY LIFE BY MARRYING ME... IN NAME ONLY? YOU'RE CUTE, ALL RIGHT, RE-AL CUTE! NOW, THINK UP ANOTHER ONE!

IT'S... TRUE! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD HAVE SAVED YOUR LIFE! MY BROTHER LOVES ME... MORE THAN HE HATES YOU!

YOU'RE SUGGESTING... THAT ONLY BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER THINKS YOU LOVE ME-- HE WON'T--

SOB! BUT I DO, B-BRUCE! I-I THINK I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE MY HIGH-SCHOOL DAYS!

OH, HEAVEN PROTECT ME FROM LOVELORN LASSES... NOW IT DAWNS...

GINNY... I DON'T THINK YOU EVEN HAVE A BROTHER! THIS WAS JUST A FREAKED-OUT FAKE TO GET CLOSE TO ME!

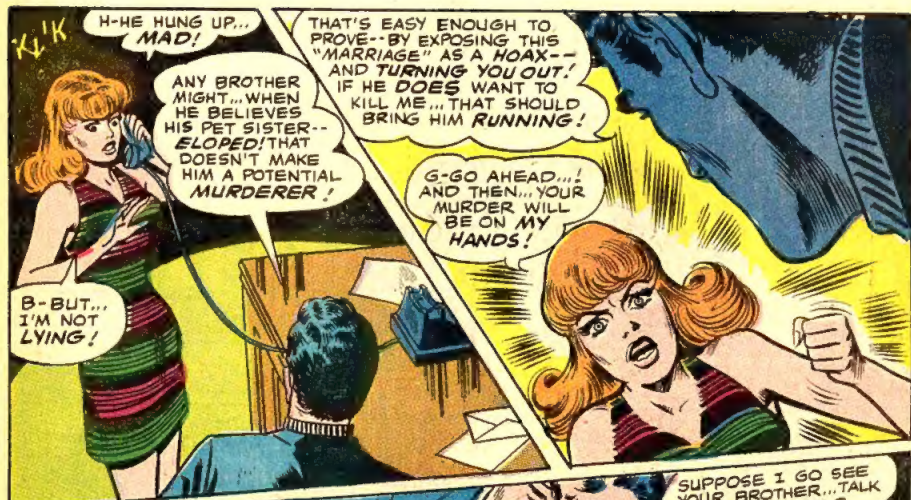
TRRRRING!

BRUCE WAYNE HERE...

I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU-- CREEP! PUT MRS. WAYNE ON...

THAT YOU... GINNY?

Y-YES, JIM! D-DIDN'T YOU BELIEVE ME...?



KKK
H-HE HUNG UP...
MAD!

ANY BROTHER
MIGHT...WHEN
HE BELIEVES
HIS PET SISTER--
ELOPED! THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
HIM A POTENTIAL
MURDERER!

THAT'S EASY ENOUGH TO
PROVE--BY EXPOSING THIS
"MARRIAGE" AS A HOAX--
AND **TURNING YOU OUT!**
IF HE **DOES** WANT TO
KILL ME...THAT SHOULD
BRING HIM **RUNNING!**

G-GO AHEAD...!
AND THEN...YOUR
MURDER WILL
BE ON MY
HANDS!

B-BUT...!
I'M NOT
LYING!



OKAY, BABY...SIMMER
DOWN! WOULDN'T
WANT YOU TO GO
THROUGH LIFE
WITH A **GUILTY**
CONSCIENCE!

SUPPOSE I GO SEE
YOUR BROTHER...TALK
IT OUT WITH HIM?
WHAT'S YOUR FAMILY
NAME, GINNY...?

**N-NO...I WON'T
TELL YOU! Y-YOU
MIGHT...HURT
HIM...!**



LIKE...**WOW!** ARE YOU EVER A
CRAZY MIXED-UP KID! OKAY...
WE'LL PLAY IT YOUR WAY--
FOR AWHILE! YOU CAN STAY
HERE...BUT WE DON'T
BROADCAST OUR
"MARRIAGE"!

"...WHILE STAYING IN MY
BROTHER'S EXECUTIVE-SUITE
PENTHOUSE, I OVERHEARD..."

"THE ONLY WAY WE'RE
GOING TO ACHIEVE OUR
OBJECTIVE--IS TO
ELIMINATE THIS BRUCE
WAYNE CREEP! AFTER
THAT, IT'S STRICTLY
LEGIT!

NOW, TELL ME--
DO MANY PEOPLE
IN TOWN KNOW
YOU BY SIGHT?

NO...I
JUST
RETURNED
FROM FOUR
YEARS OF
FINISHING
SCHOOL IN
SWITZERLAND!
THEN ONE
DAY, SHORTLY
AFTER MY
RETURN--

ALFRED, TAKE MRS. WAYNE
TO HER...ER...THE GUEST
ROOM! I'VE GOT TO GO OUT
ON SOME WAYNE FOUNDATION
BUSINESS!

IS BRUCE JUST GOING TO GO
ABOUT HIS USUAL DAYTIME
BUSINESS...WITH A DEVILISH
DILEMMA LIKE THIS HANGING
OVER HIS HEAD?



WAILING WHALER

When the Charles W. Morgan went whaling, she went at it with a vengeance. On her maiden voyage alone, she killed 61 whales. The trip lasted 3 years. Precious cargo like whale oil was a big temptation to pirates in those days, but the Morgan had no time for tomfoolery like repelling boarders. She had fake gun ports painted on her sides, so she'd look like a Man 'O War. Revell's new model kit of the Morgan is an authentic reproduction, including 7 whale boats and even the large brick furnace on deck. She sells for under \$4.00, wherever toys or hobbies are sold.

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Model of the Month
Charles W. Morgan

MOST POWERFUL AIRPLANE

The XB-70A Valkyrie is the most powerful airplane in the world. This delta (triangular) winged experimental bomber weighs 265 tons (530,000 pounds) and is 196 feet long. The distance from wing tip to wing tip (wing span) is 105 feet. It has flown at speeds of Mach 3.0 or 2,000 M.P.H., and as high as 70,000 feet. *The Valkyrie gets its power from six turbojet engines, which have a total thrust or driving force of over 180,000 pounds.*



GO-POWERFUL CHEERIOS KID

The Cheerios Kid gets go-power from Cheerios! Like you, he needs a fresh supply of energy every day. And, a breakfast with Cheerios and milk is packed with muscle-building protein and energy for go-power. Get yourself Go. Get Cheerios!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

EUGENE... I'M HERE TO SEE YOU IN YOUR OFFICIAL ROLE OF TREASURER OF THE WAYNE FOUNDATION. DOES THE NAME... JAMES JENKINS... GRAB YOU?

J-JENKINS...? ER... YES, BRUCE... HIS "INSTITUTE OF GERIATRIC RESEARCH" HAS APPLIED FOR FOUNDATION "GRANTS" -- FIVE TIMES!

AND THAT'S HOW OFTEN WE'VE TURNED HIM DOWN!



E. PRICOLL, PRESIDENT

HMM... THAT MIGHT RATTLE HIM ENOUGH...! BUT WHY THE TURNDOWN...?

OUR INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT "JENKINS" "RESEARCH" WAS HELPING HIS "BANK ACCOUNT"... MORE THAN AIDING ELDER CITIZENS! GOOD ENOUGH...?



...BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM A MOTIVE TO MURDER ME...! AND ONE AREA EUGENE'S INVESTIGATIONS DIDN'T COVER... WAS JENKINS' PRIVATE SAFE!

TONIGHT... HIS "INSTITUTE" GETS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BY BATMAN!



NIGHT, IN WAYNE MANSION...

AND HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY AS MISTRESS OF WAYNE MANOR, GINNY, DEAR? DID YOU AND AUNT HARRIET...

WE GOT ALONG LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD, BRUCE! YOU PICKED YOURSELF A MIGHT FINE ONE... AT LONG LAST, I MIGHT SAY!

GINNY'S A WHIZ AT "HOME ECONOMICS"! HELPED ME GREAT WITH MY HOMEWORK...



GUESS YOU'RE "IN" HONEY... IF YOU PASSED THAT DURABLE DUO'S REQUIREMENTS! DON'T OVERDO IT, SWEET...

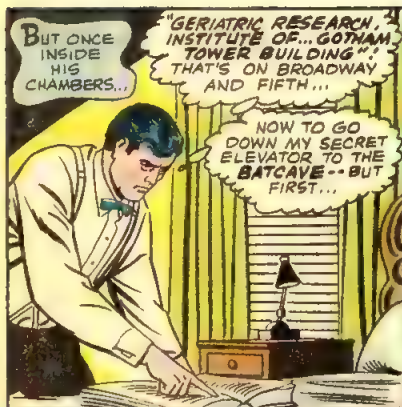
YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR "WIFE" NOT TO BE THE GREATEST, WOULD YOU... BRUCE?

...OR YOU'LL PUT ME IN A BIND I CAN'T GET OUT OF!

BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES, CHILD-BRIDE! I'M GOING OUT TONIGHT... ALONE!

NO SWEAT, FATHER-IMAGE... I'M TURNING IN NOW! THIS HAS BEEN A VERY TRYING DAY!





BUT ONCE
INSIDE
HIS
CHAMBERS...

"GERIATRIC RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF... GOTHAM
TOWER BUILDING"
THAT'S ON BROADWAY
AND FIFTH...

NOW TO GO
DOWN MY SECRET
ELEVATOR TO THE
BATCAVE--BUT
FIRST...



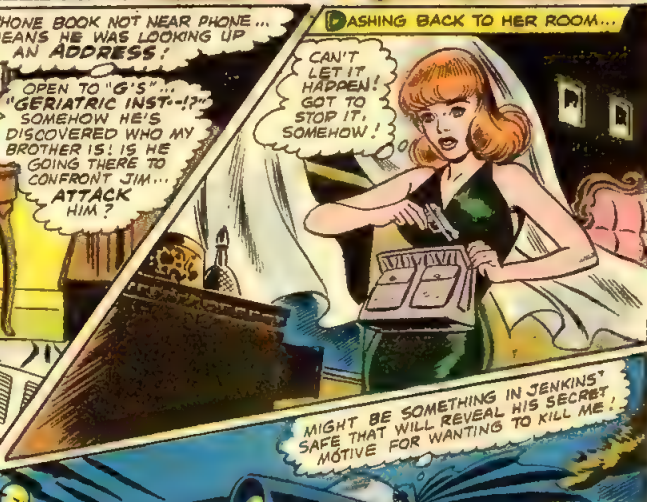
AS HE SLAMS
HIS DOOR--
HARD!...

BRUCE'S GONE
OUT! BUT
WHERE... WHAT'S
HE UP TO?
MAYBE A CLUE
IN HIS ROOM...



PHONE BOOK NOT NEAR PHONE...
MEANS HE WAS LOOKING UP
AN ADDRESS!

OPEN TO "G'S"...
"GERIATRIC INST-?"
SOMEHOW HE'S
DISCOVERED WHO MY
BROTHER IS! IS HE
GOING THERE TO
CONFRONT JIM...
ATTACK
HIM?



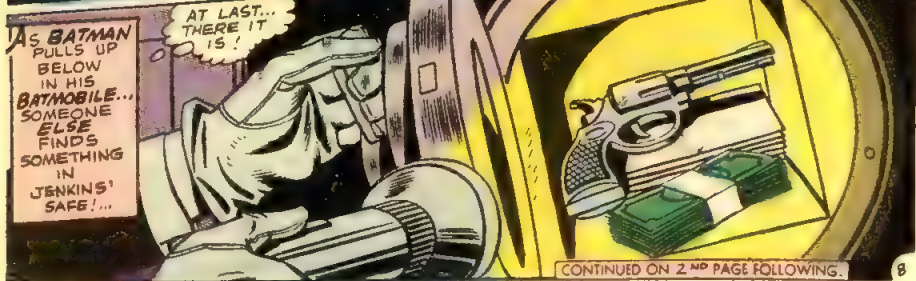
DASHING BACK TO HER ROOM...

CAN'T
LET IT
HAPPEN!
GOT TO
STOP IT,
SOMEHOW!

MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN JENKINS'
SAFE THAT WILL REVEAL HIS SECRET
MOTIVE FOR WANTING TO KILL ME!



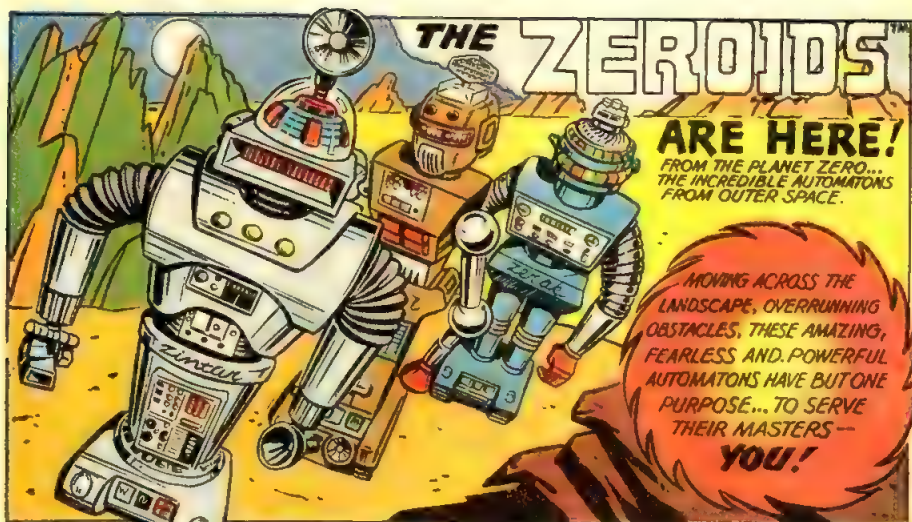
MEANWHILE--
ROARING
OUT OF THE
BATCAVE...



AT LAST...
THERE IT
IS!

AS BATMAN
PULLS UP
BELOW
IN HIS
BATMOBILE...
SOMEONE
ELSE
FINDS
SOMETHING
IN
JENKINS'
SAFE!...

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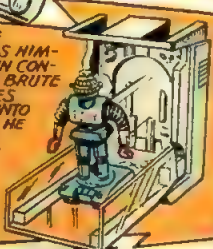


THE ZEROIDSM ARE HERE!

FROM THE PLANET ZERO...
THE INCREDIBLE AUTOMATONS
FROM OUTER SPACE.

MOVING ACROSS THE
LANDSCAPE, OVERRUNNING
OBSTACLES, THESE AMAZING,
FEARLESS AND POWERFUL
AUTOMATONS HAVE BUT ONE
PURPOSE... TO SERVE
THEIR MASTERS—
YOU!

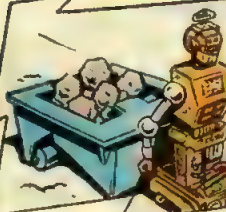
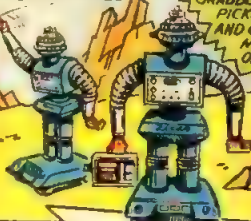
**ZERAK, THE BLUE
DESTROYER, FREES HIM-
SELF FROM HIS OWN CON-
TROL STATION. HIS BRUTE
STRENGTH FORCES THE
EXIT RAMP INTO
POSITION, AND HE
EMERGES WITH
FIGHTING FISTS
READY FOR
ACTION!!!**



**EACH ZEROID COMES WITH THESE
EXTRAS:**

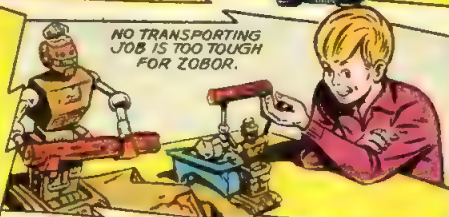
**THE ACTION-
HAND THAT
THROWS
LASER
BOMBS.**

**THE MAGNETIC
GRABBER THAT
PICKS UP
AND CARRIES
METAL
OBJECTS.**

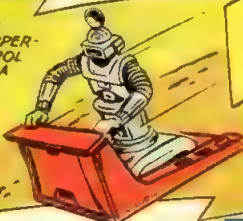


**ZOBOR, THE BRONZE
TRANSPORT ROBOT,
HAS SPECIAL-DUTY
GRABBING-HOOKS.
HIS CONTROL
STATION BECOMES
A COSMOBILE FOR
HAULING
HEAVY
LOADS.**

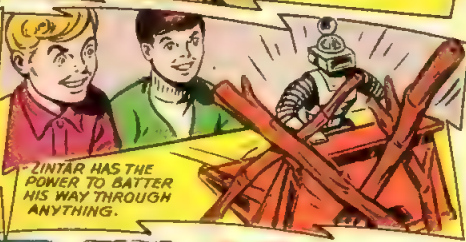
**NO TRANSPORTING
JOB IS TOO TOUGH
FOR ZOBOR.**



**ZINTAR, THE SILVER
EXPLORER, IS GRIPPER-
FISTED. HIS CONTROL
STATION BECOMES A
DRAMATIC LUNAR
SLED THAT
MOBILIZES HIM
FOR ACTION.**



**ZINTAR HAS THE
POWER TO BATTER
HIS WAY THROUGH
ANYTHING.**



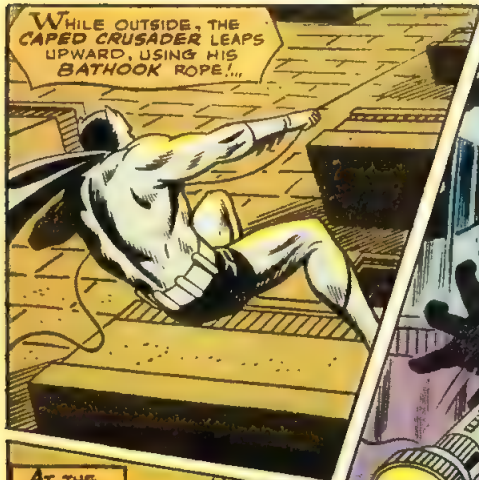
**EACH ZEROID COMES WITH A UNIQUE
PAIR OF SPECIAL PURPOSE HANDS PLUS
MAGNETIC AND THROWING HANDS FOR ACTION
JOBS PLUS AN AUTOMATIC REVERSING TILE.
ALL ZERIODS ARE EQUIPPED WITH A FORWARD
AND REVERSE MOTOR-POWERED TREAD-DRIVE
SO THEY CAN HAUL, BATTER, RAM, ATTACK,
LAUNCH, TRANSPORT, FIGHT-- ANYTHING!!!**



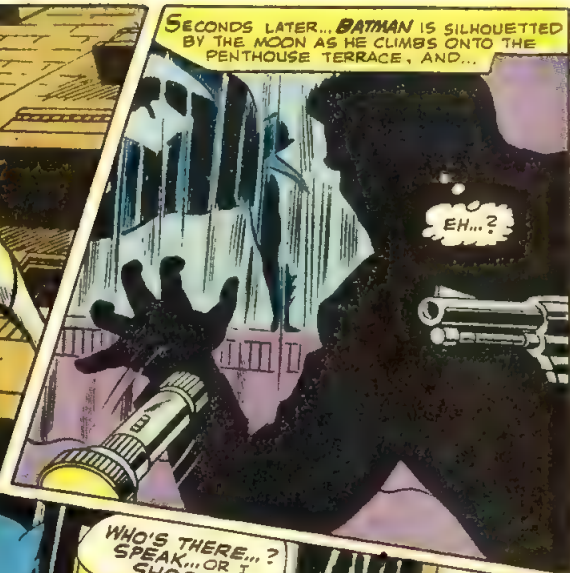
**THE ZEROIDSM
BROUGHT TO
EARTH BY**



WHILE OUTSIDE, THE
CAPED CRUSADER LEAPS
UPWARD, USING HIS
BATHOOK ROPE!!!



SECONDS LATER... BATMAN IS SILHOUETTED
BY THE MOON AS HE CLIMBS ONTO THE
PENTHOUSE TERRACE, AND...



AT THE
SOUND
OF THE
FALLING
FLASHLIGHT,
A DOOR
ACROSS
THE ROOM
SUDDENLY
OPENS...
AND THE
SAFE-
CRACKER
DUCKS
OUT OF
SIGHT...



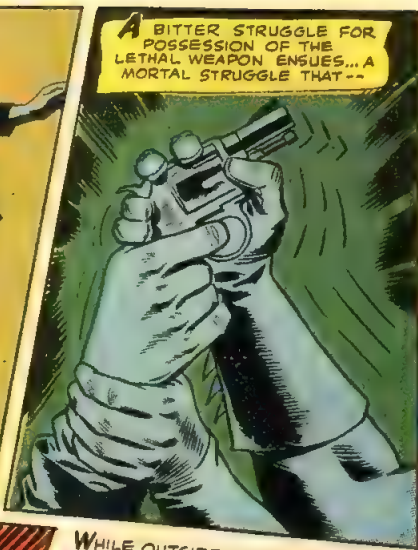
KABLANG





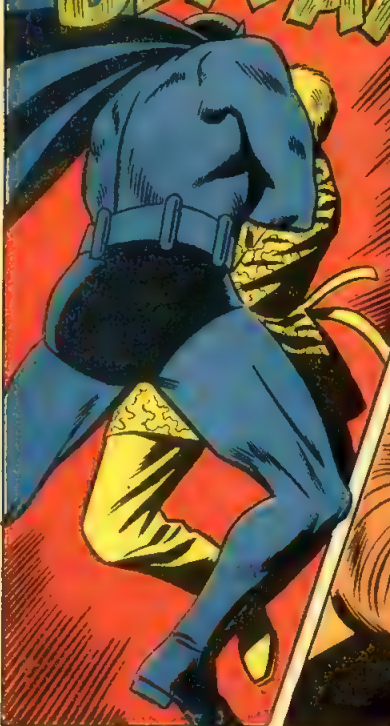


A BITTER STRUGGLE FOR POSSESSION OF THE LETHAL WEAPON ENSUES... A MORTAL STRUGGLE THAT--

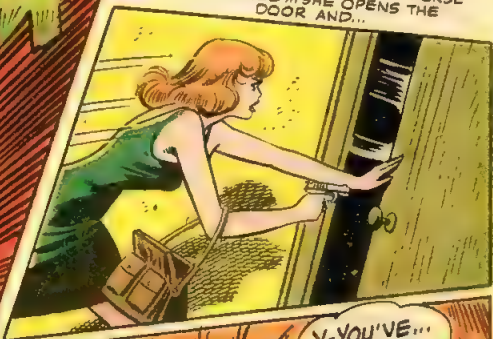


...SUDDENLY ENDS !! WHO HAS BEEN THE VICTOR OR LOSER ?

BLA-AM



WHILE OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE SUITE, THE FATAL SHOT HAS BEEN HEARD BY A PANIC-STRICKEN GIRL! FUMBLING NERVOUSLY IN HER PURSE FOR HER PISTOL ...SHE OPENS THE DOOR AND...

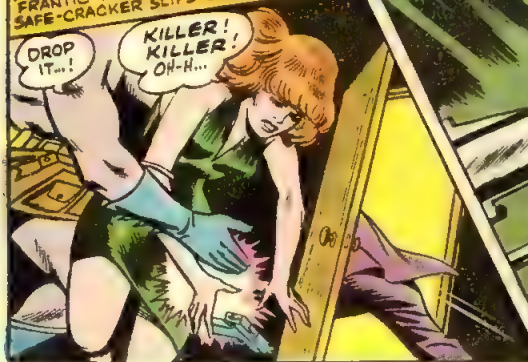


Y-YOU'VE...
KILLED
JIM!





AS BATMAN STRUGGLES WITH THE FRANTIC WILDCAT, THE UNKNOWN SAFE-CRACKER SLIPS OUT... UNSSEEN!

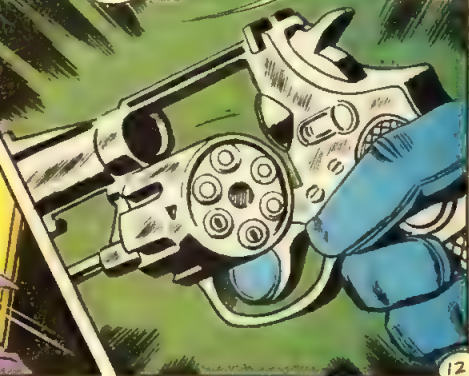


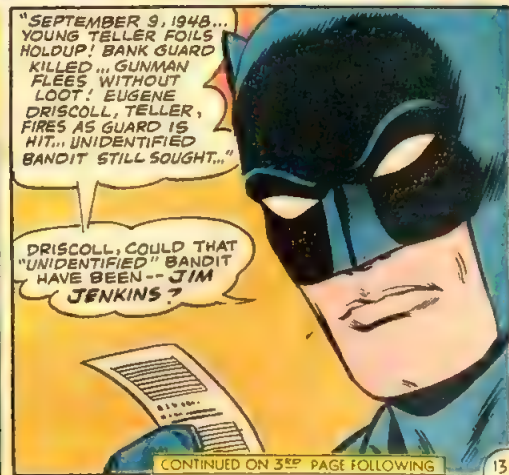
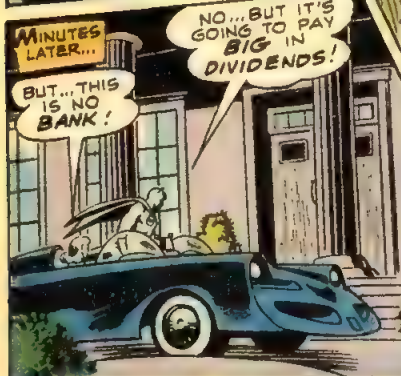
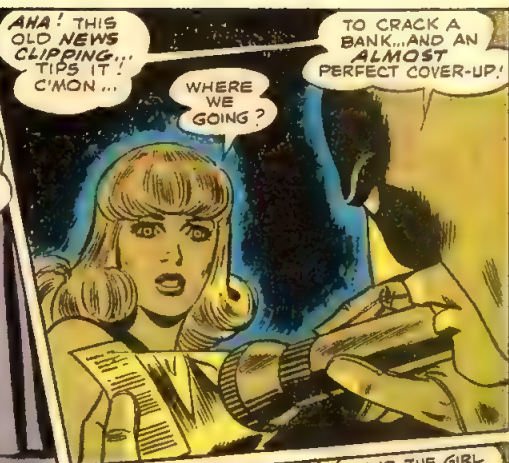
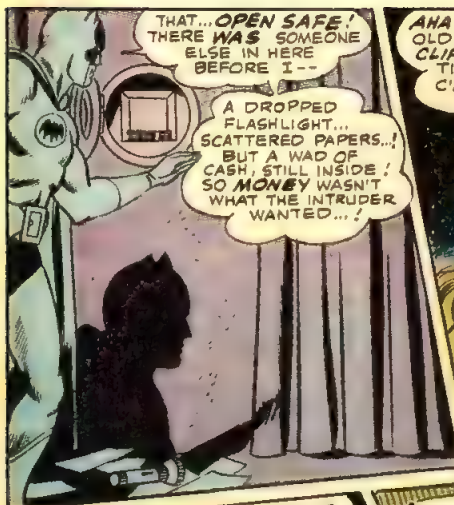
MOMENTS LATER...

ONLY TWO FIRED SHELLS IN YOUR BROTHER'S GUN... AND HE SHOT AT ME-- TWICE!

THEN... WHO?

MUST'VE BEEN ANOTHER GUN IN THE ROOM WHEN...



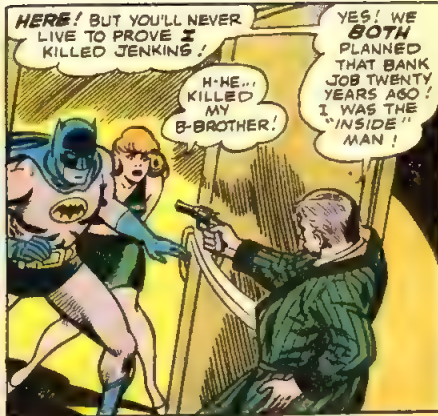


IN THE NEVERENDING
BATTLE AGAINST THE
JOSE FERRASOL YOLANS
YOL FAS ALA 2014
ON IS TOGETHER FOR
AFRICA AT 4
P. 11:45 PM 11/14/14
THAT'S THE BEST
NO-NO-NO



H-HOW SHOULD I KNOW...?
I--I'VE BEEN HOME ALL NIGHT...

WEARING A... **BUSINESS SUIT** UNDER YOUR ROBE?
WHERE'S THAT **MURDER GUN**...?



HERE! BUT YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO PROVE I KILLED JENKINS!

H-HE... KILLED MY B-BROTHER!

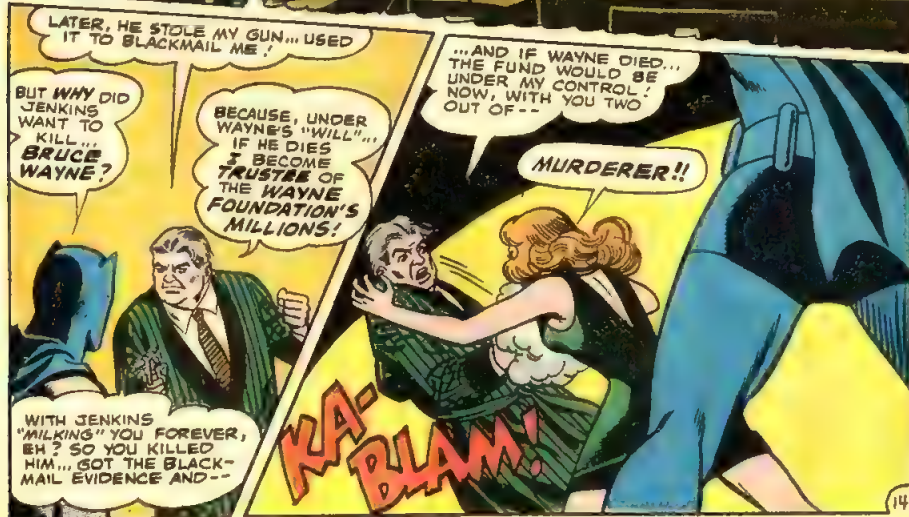
YES! WE BOTH PLANNED THAT BANK JOB TWENTY YEARS AGO! I WAS THE "INSIDE" MAN!



AND SOMEONE GOOFED, EH, DRISCOLL?

EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTH...TILL I HANDED THE LOOT OVER TO JENKINS-- AND...

"...THE BANK GUARD PULLED HIS GUN! JIM WAS TOO SLOW--TO SAVE HIM I SHOT THE GUARD! JIM PANICKED... DROPPED THE LOOT AND FLED! EVERYONE THOUGHT... HE HAD FIRED!"



LATER, HE STOLE MY GUN... USED IT TO BLACKMAIL ME!

BUT WHY DID JENKINS WANT TO KILL... **BRUCE WAYNE**?

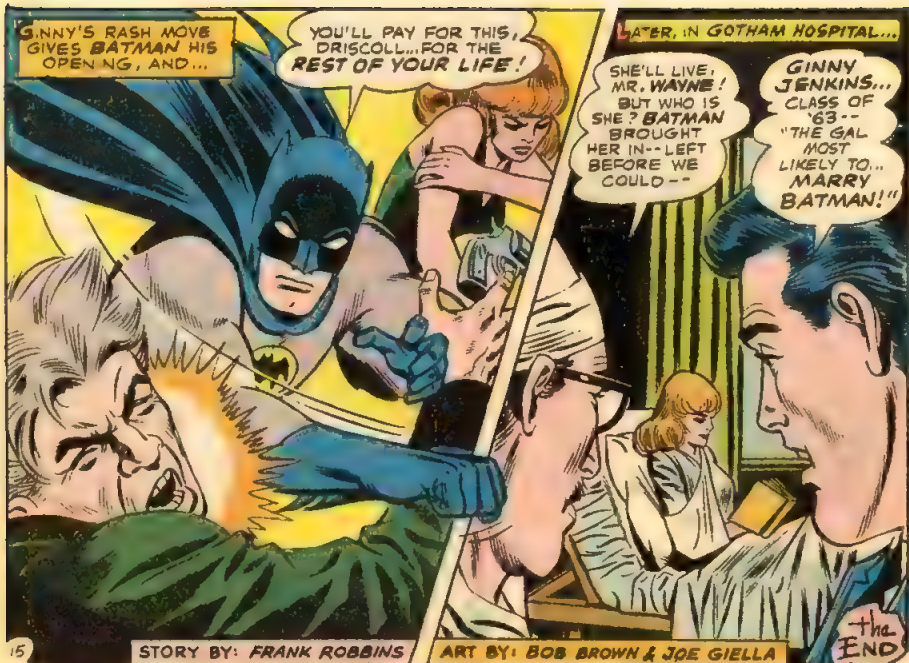
BECAUSE, UNDER WAYNE'S "WILL"... IF HE DIES I BECOME TRUSTEE OF THE WAYNE FOUNDATION'S MILLIONS!

...AND IF WAYNE DIED... THE FUND WOULD BE UNDER MY CONTROL! NOW, WITH YOU TWO OUT OF--

MURDERER!!

WITH JENKINS "MILKING" YOU FOREVER, EH? SO YOU KILLED HIM... GOT THE BLACK-MAIL EVIDENCE AND--

KA-BLAM!



GINNY'S RASH MOVE
GIVES BATMAN HIS
OPENING, AND...

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS,
DRISCOLL...FOR THE
REST OF YOUR LIFE!

LATER, IN GOTHAM HOSPITAL...

SHE'LL LIVE!
MR. WAYNE!
BUT WHO IS
SHE? BATMAN
BROUGHT
HER IN--LEFT
BEFORE WE
COULD--

GINNY
JENKINS...
CLASS OF
'63--
"THE GAL
MOST
LIKELY TO...
MARRY
BATMAN!"

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born to
TROUBLE!

HIS
NAME'S

**JONNY
DOUBLE!**

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The

ELONGATED

Man

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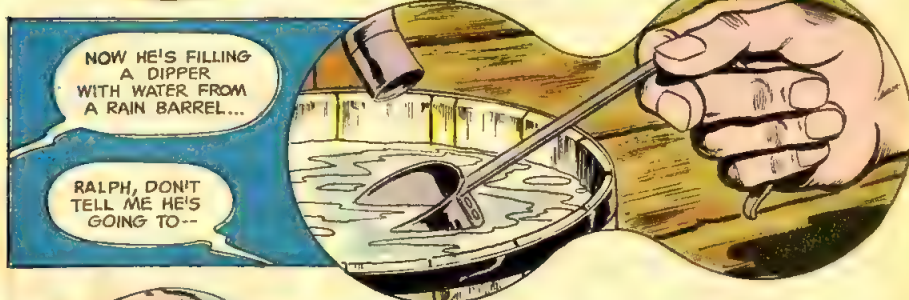


DO YOU
SEE IT,
SUE--

THAT HOUSE
HALF-WAY
ACROSS THE
VALLEY?
THERE ARE
TWO MEN
ALONGSIDE IT...

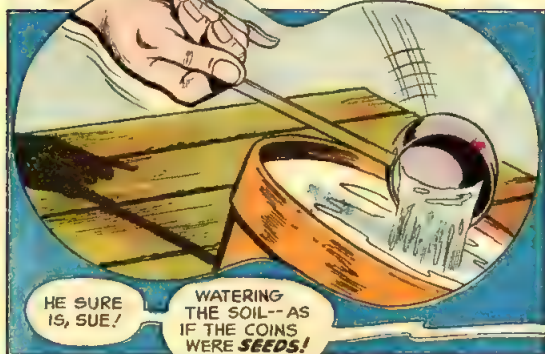
YES,
YES,
RALPH!

AND ONE OF
THEM IS--
**PLANTING GOLD
COINS IN A
FLOWER POT!**



NOW HE'S FILLING
A DIPPER
WITH WATER FROM
A RAIN BARREL...

RALPH, DON'T
TELL ME HE'S
GOING TO--



HE SURE
IS, SUE!

WATERING
THE SOIL--AS
IF THE COINS
WERE **SEEDS!**



I CAN'T SEE!
SOMETHING'S
BLOCKING
MY VIEW!

IT'S YOUR TWITCH-
ING NOSE ACTING
UP--AS IT AL-
WAYS DOES
WHEN IT GETS
THE WHIFF
OF A
STRANGE
MYSTERY!

FORTUNE IN A FLOWER POT!

HIGH ON **SIGHTSEER**
HILL THAT OVERLOOKS
A VAST PANORAMA OF
THE AMERICAN WEST...

I WARN YOU, RALPH DIBNY!
DON'T YOU **DARE** LEAVE ME STRANDED
HERE WHILE YOU GO POKING YOUR
ELONGATED NOSE INTO THEIR
HARMLESS BUSINESS--

HARMLESS, EH?
WHAT WOULD YOU
SAY IF I TOLD YOU
THAT RIGHT NOW--
THOSE COIN-PLANT-
ERS ARE BEING
ATTACKED BY
TWO MEN?



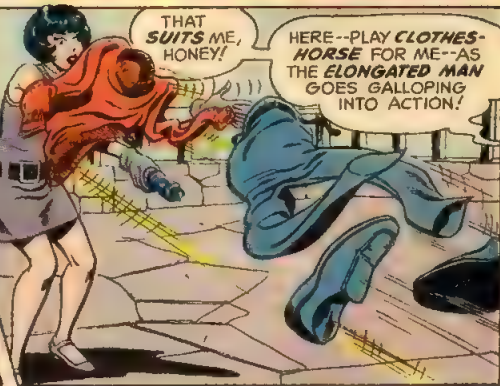
WHAT?! OH MY
GOODNESS--!

WELL, DON'T
JUST **STAND**
THERE! GO
GIVE THEM
A HAND!



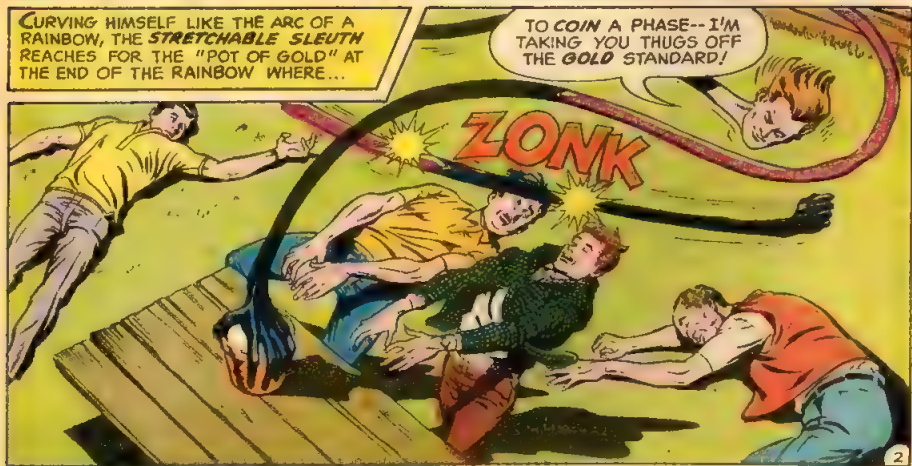
THAT
SUITS ME,
HONEY!

HERE--PLAY **CLOTHES-**
HORSE FOR ME--AS
THE **ELONGATED MAN**
GOES GALLOPING
INTO ACTION!



CURVING HIMSELF LIKE THE ARC OF A
RAINBOW, THE **STRETCHABLE SLEUTH**
REACHES FOR THE "POT OF GOLD" AT
THE END OF THE RAINBOW WHERE...

TO COIN A PHASE--I'M
TAKING YOU THUGS OFF
THE **GOLD STANDARD!**



ONCE MY HANDS HAVE
MADE AN APPEARANCE--

WHILE THE
ELONGATED
MAN DEPOSITS
THE COIN-FILLED
POT SAFELY
ON THE ROOF...

MY FEET
CAN'T BE FAR
BEHIND!

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

WE'LL DO MORE THAN BACK
UP! WE'RE GETTIN' OUTA HERE!

--SO
BACK
UP!

I LIKE
PLENTY OF
ELBOW AND
KNEE ROOM
WHEN I
FIGHT--

WAK

THWAKK

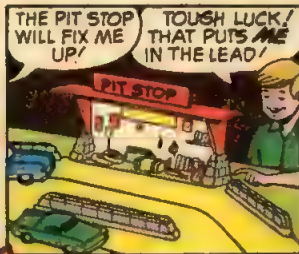
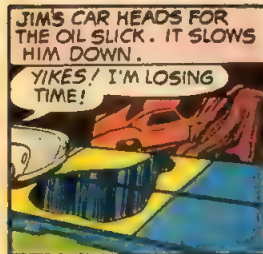
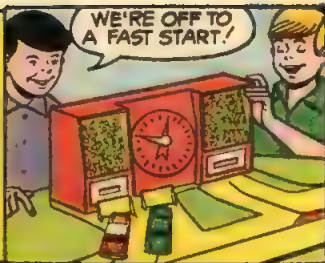
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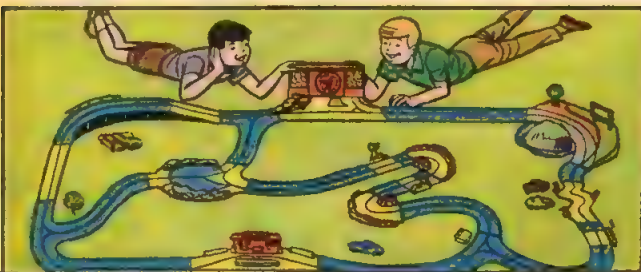
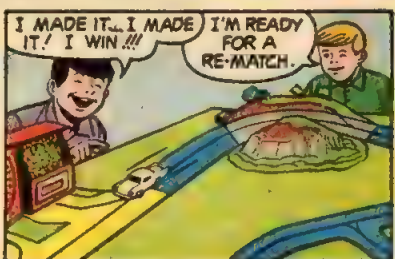
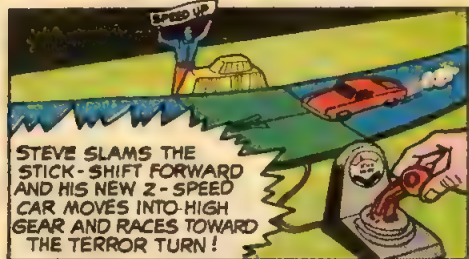
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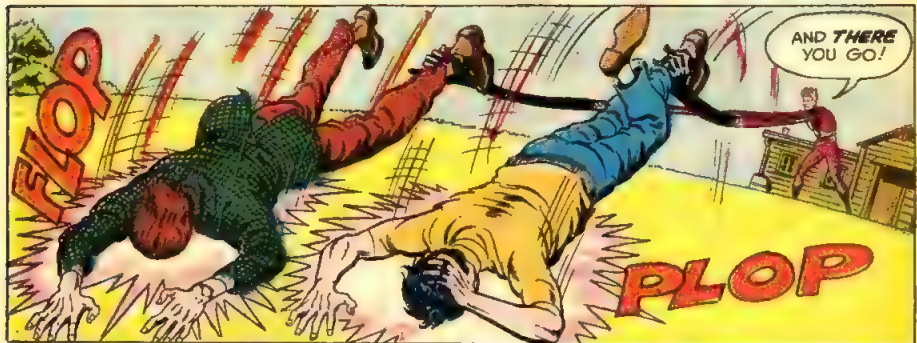
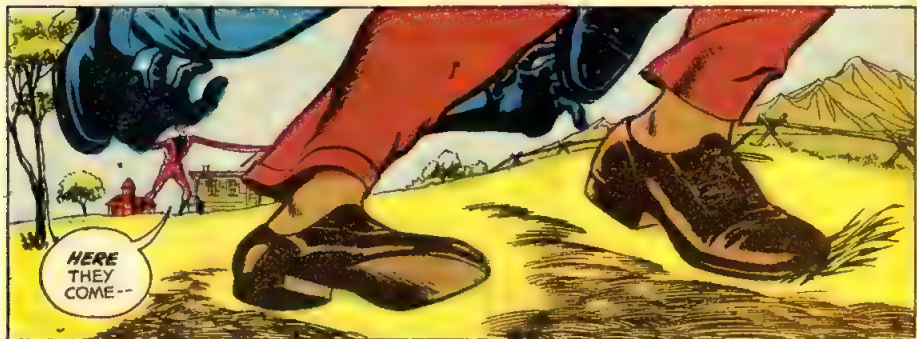
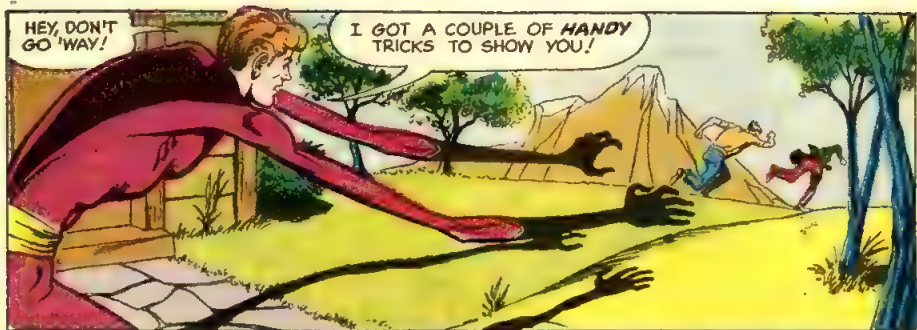


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IT'S OBVIOUS
THESE CROOKS
I CAUGHT
WERE AFTER
YOUR GOLD
COINS--

BUT IT'S
ANYTHING
BUT OBVIOUS
TO ME WHY
YOU WERE
"PLANTING"
THEM!

WE WERE CONDUCTING AN
EXPERIMENT WITH THEM,
ELONGATED MAN! I'M
ELWIN TRENT, OWNER
OF THE COINS--

AND
THIS GENTLEMAN
IS MORGAN WILSON,
THE WORLD-FAMOUS
METALLURGIST...

MY RECENTLY DECEASED
BROTHER WAS A COLLECTOR
OF RARE COINS--BUT NOT
TRUSTING BANKS OR
EVEN A SAFE
IN HIS OWN
HOME-- HE
HID HIS COINS
IN A PLACE HE
KEPT SECRET
FROM EVERYONE!

WHILE
VISITING
HIM SOME
NIGHTS
AGO, I
GLANCED
OUT THE
WINDOW AND
SAW HIM DIG-
GING A HOLE
IN THE GROUND...

"SUDDENLY, HE KEELED
OVER AND LAY THERE
WITHOUT MOVING! WHEN
I HURRIED OUT TO SEE
WHAT WAS WRONG..."

HE-- HE'S DEAD! HE
MUST HAVE SUFFERED
A HEART ATTACK!

SO THAT'S WHERE
HE HID HIS COIN
COLLECTION--
IN THE GROUND!

"AFTER THE BURIAL OF MY
BROTHER, I INHERITED ALL OF
HIS WORLDLY GOODS. I THEN
WENT TO SEE A NEARBY COIN
DEALER, GEORGE GARRISON..."

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IF YOU HAD
THE MATCHING
SET--THEIR COM-
BINED VALUE WOULD
BE \$100,000!

IT'D BE A MONUMENTAL TASK
DIGGING UP EVERY SQUARE
INCH OF MY BROTHER'S ESTATE
TO FIND THE BURIED COINS,
SO I CONTACTED MY
METALLURGIST FRIEND,
MORGAN WILSON--

--AND HE
CAME UP
WITH THE AN-
SWER TO MY
PROBLEM!

IF YOU'LL
BRING BACK
THE COIN-
POT FROM THE ROOF,
**ELONGATED
MAN**, I'LL
EXPLAIN...

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WE LEARNED
EACH OTHER'S
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THEN--BY USING A SPECIAL DETECTOR--IT WOULD GUIDE ME TO THE BURIED COINS!

WHILE YOU GO AHEAD WITH YOUR TREASURE HUNT, I'M GOING TO NAB THE ONE MAN BESIDE OURSELVES WHO KNEW ABOUT THOSE GOLD COINS--THE ONE WHO SENT THESE CROOKS HERE TO STEAL THEM!

IT WASN'T YOU, TRENT-- YOU **OWN** THE COINS! NOR WAS IT YOU, WILSON-- YOUR REPUTATION IS UNIMPEACHABLE!

WHICH MAKES THE GUILTY PARTY--**GEORGE GARRISON**, THE COIN DEALER!

I JUST CAN'T BARGE IN AND ACCUSE GARRISON WITHOUT PROOF! SO I'LL TAKE A LEAF FROM MY FRIEND **BATMAN'S** BOOK--

GO THERE DISGUISED AS ONE OF HIS HIRE-LINGS--AND TRICK GARRISON INTO BETRAYING HIMSELF!

IN THE COIN DEALER'S STORE, SOON AFTER...

HERE'S TH' GOLD COINS I SWIPED FOR YA--

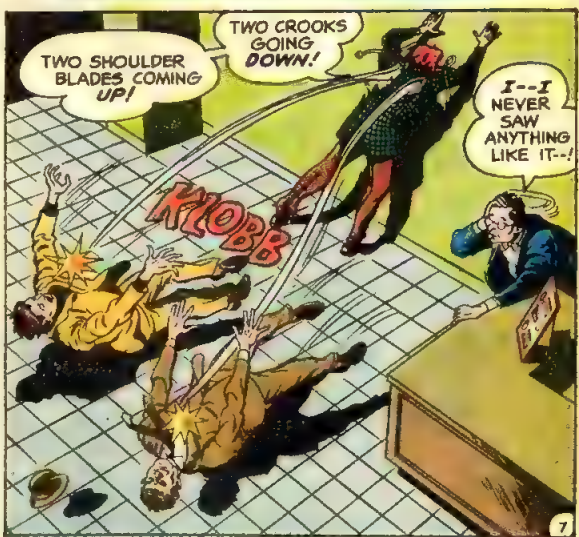
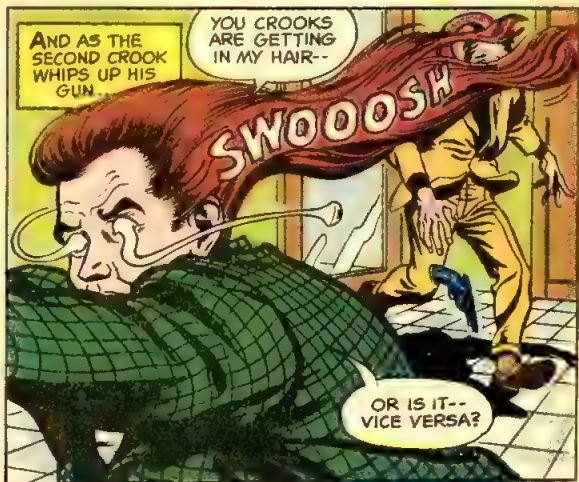
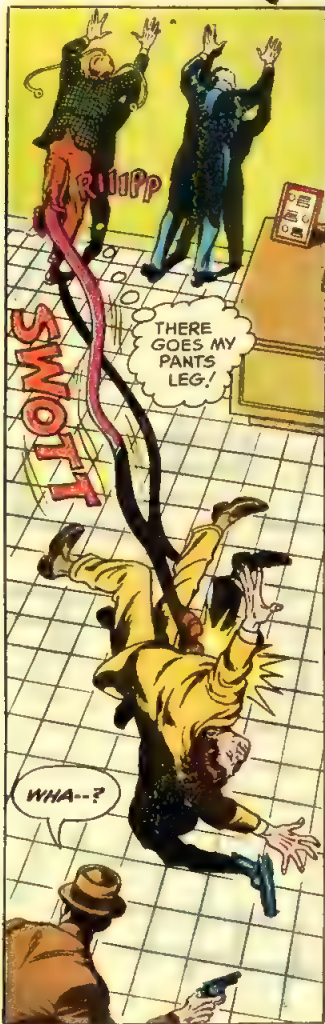
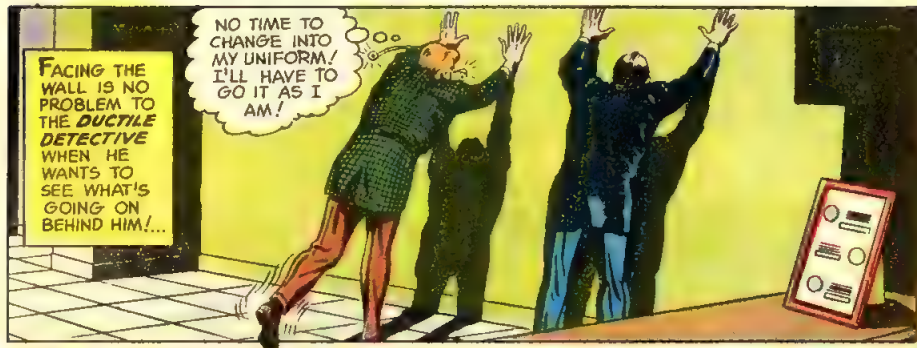
G-GOLD COINS? FOR M-ME? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE--

YOU BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I CALL THE POLICE--

HUH? THAT COIN DEALER'S NOT PUTTING ON AN ACT! I MUST'VE GOOFED--

THIS IS A HOLD-UP!

YEAH--TURN AROUND AN' HOLD UP THE REAR WALL!



AFTER BOTH PAIRS OF CROOKS
HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE
POLICE, AND THE MISSING SET OF
GOLD COINS RECOVERED...

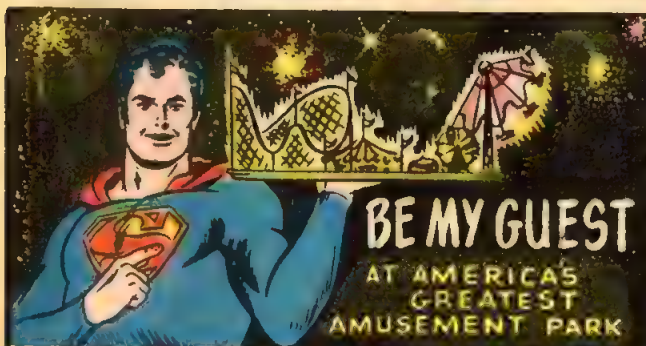
WELL, THAT'S THE
STORY, HONEY--
EXCEPT FOR ONE
THING! IF THE
COIN DEALER
DIDN'T SEND
THOSE CROOKS
AFTER THOSE
GOLD COINS--
WHO DID?

WELL,
SMARTY--
HOW DID
YOU FIND
OUT ABOUT
THOSE
COINS?

I HAPPENED TO
SPOT THEM BEING
"POTTED" WHILE
LOOKING AT THE
SCENERY THROUGH
MY BINOCULARS--

WE-LLL??

OF COURSE!
THOSE CROOKS
WERE DOING THE
SAME THING--
SAW WHAT I
SAW-- AND
DECIDED TO
STEAL THEM!



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Dear Editor: "Hunted or Haunted" in *Detective* 376, just has to be one of the best stories since the "New Look" originated! The cover was beautifully done, with the ghostly Batman framed in the moonlight and the real Batman staring up in amazement.

At this time, I'm going to hazard a guess as to the author of this story — perhaps at the risk of making a fool of myself. I believe that the writer was none other than Mike Friedrich. In the writing Mike has done so far, he has brought out new approaches to stories, and also has not forgotten the characteristics that have made that person great. In the present story, Batman is again revealed as the "greatest detective the world has ever known". His Sherlock Holmes style of deduction and detection was a joy to behold (I can't be original all the time). For once, Batman did not have to rely on any spectacular Bat-gimmicks to get his man.

There was another delightful touch to the story — the future Batmaniacs (another reason I suspect Mike). Although most of your time-travel tales are usually pretty unsatisfactory, this one was especially well-handled. I thought that Tomas Wayne's side-comments on the story were amusing and quite logical for a man from another time-period. The fact that Batman could see, at times, his descendant from the future had no relevant bearing on the story, except for the title and cover, but it lent a nice touch that was satisfying. Whoever wrote the story certainly knows his job! — Frank Rizzo, Gowanda, N.Y.

(Mike Friedrich — in a personal note to us — rated the "Hunted or Haunted" Batman story as — excellent! Since Mike isn't that cocky to rave over one of his own stories, we'll reveal that the "Man of a Thousand Plots" — Gardner Fox — wrote it! Incidentally, acceding to reader requests, we are now giving author and artists credits with the Batman stories. — Ed.)

Dear Editor: Well, well, what have we here? It looks like a little tried-and-true science-fiction in a Batman yarn. Wait, it could be a mirage from the early '60's, but I don't think so. Actually, "Hunted or Haunted" was a pretty good story even though some s-f did invade the story. Just as long as the s-f is of the same subtle variety, I will have no objections when and if used again.

Now for the elements of the story worth mentioning. I hope you will continue to produce stories in the future which show Batman as the detective he is meant to be. The part where Batman finds the crook's fingerprints on the coin by using a parking meter was very clever. I was also somewhat impressed by the fact that Batman was remembered enough in the future for a group of men to devote so much time to finding out as much as they could about the greatest super, non-super-hero of all time — even though it seems a trifle funny to me to see grown men in Batman costumes. It's all right to have a club for Batmaniacs, mind you, but it is a little droll to see men in Batman costumes, dressed up as their fantastic hero — just like kids might do.

Oh, well, it was still a good story even down to the fact that Batman's direct descendant Tomas was named after Bruce Wayne's father, Thomas.

Say, is Gardner Fox's pen name really John Brunner — as Mark Evanier theorized in the EXTRA department? I've got books by both of them and you could have fooled me! — Dave Truesdale, S. St. Paul, Minn.

(To settle the Fox-Brunner controversy, we offer the response of that celebrated science-fictioneer, Harlan Ellison. Little did we realize that when we met Harlan at the '67 World Science-Fiction Convention and kiddingly asked him to write us a fan letter some time, this would be it! — Ed.)

Dear Editor: In response to an incredibly ill-informed letter by one Mark Evanier of Los Angeles in *Detective Comics* No. 376, your offer to take him up on leaving the country if his wild surmise that Gardner Fox and John Brunner are not one and the same is not correct, was far too mild. Mr. Evanier ought to be shipped out of this dimension. Not only is Gardner Fox not John Brunner, but Mr. Brunner would be saddened to learn that after twenty some years of writing top-flight science-fiction under his own name, his fame has not spread sufficiently to reach Mr. Evanier. However, with the kind of muddy thinking Evanier exhibits in his overlong letter, such silliness does not surprise me.

For Mr. Evanier's attention, may I point out that Brunner is an Englishman who has been nominated a half dozen times for both the Hugo and Nebula awards of the science-fiction field, and is the author of such incredibly adroit novels as "The Squares of the City", "Quicksand", "Bedlam Planet", "Born Under Mars" and too many others — all of brilliance and great craft — to list here.

Should Mr. Evanier spend one-tenth the time he invests in such pursuits as proving one writer is another, in reading the works of either, he might not find himself with his stupidity showing. On behalf of Brunner, a friend of many years who would not nearly take the umbrage I have felt at the slighting of a fine talent, I trust Mr. Evanier has learned a valuable lesson. My best to you and the others at *National*. — Harlan Ellison, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Dear Editor: Aha! You've finally made your "Great Mistake"! In *Detective* 376 you stated that "Batman was hunted by a descendant from the future, Tomas Wayne." This proves conclusively that Bruce Wayne will have to get married! I wonder who the lucky girl will be? — Mike Mallory, Boggs town, Ind.

(Well, as a possibility, you might consider this issue's Ginny Jenkins . . . "The gal most likely to marry Batman"! — Ed.)

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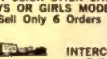
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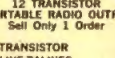
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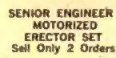
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